

Newsletter Autumn Term Week 1
Friday 9th January 2026

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



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Spotlight on Welcome Back





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Catholic Life and Mission

Happy New Year

Welcome back to all of our children and families. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year with God's blessings for 2026.

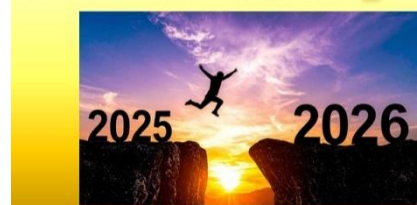
We gathered on Tuesday to celebrate together the birth of Jesus and The Feast of the Epiphany as a school family. We presented our Kings into our crib scene and knelt in homage before Jesus, like the Wise Men did.

We listened to John's Gospel (1:1-18) and reflected on how Jesus was God's plan right from the beginning of Creation. He sent Jesus for us as part of His great plan.

We thought about the new year and how this can be a new beginning. That through Jesus' arrival on Earth, death on the Cross and Resurrection, all people can receive a new beginning with God and grow their friendship with Him.



A New Year – a new beginning!



We also watched as Pope Leo XIV officially ended the Jubilee year of Hope and closed the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica. Although the jubilee year is over, we continue our mission to Fan the Flame of Hope in our lives and show we are followers of Jesus.

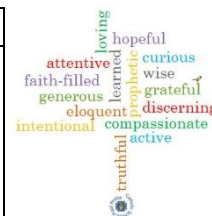
Year 6CT Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany

KS2 attended Mass today for the start of our new term led by Y6CT. I would like to thank them for being so well prepared and for reading so well, they were beautifully prepared. Thank you to Fr Charles for celebrating our first Mass of 2026.

Values & Virtues.

This half term is: **Curious & Active**

| Pupils are growing to be ... | Schools help their pupils grow... |
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| Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better. | By leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community. |



Youth Group

Youth group will be back on Tuesday 13th January for pupils in Year 5 & 6.

[Please click this link for the Wednesday word](#)

[Link for Parish newsletter](#)



Dates for you diary! Spring Parent's Evenings

Please save the following dates in your diary for the Spring terms parent's evenings:

Y6 Tues 24th February 5.30pm & Thurs 26th February 3.30pm

YN – Y5 Tuesday 24th March 5.30pm -7.30pm

Y4R Wednesday 25th March 3.30pm-5.30pm

YN - Y5 Thursday 26th March (excluding Y4R) 3.30pm-5.30pm

You will be notified closer to the time once the booking system has opened.

URGENT Severe Allergies



Please can I remind all parents how dangerous it is for any eggs, nuts or shellfish (prawns) to be brought into school. I cannot stress this enough, as we have children and staff with severe allergies. All fruit such as grapes should be cut up into small pieces, and we have noticed a large number of unhealthy options in some lunchboxes. More information on giving your child a healthy balanced diet can be found via [Lunchbox ideas](#)

[and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

School Dinner orders

This week we have had a number of children who did not have meals ordered via the school food united app. Please can we remind you that all orders must be made before 9am on the day. If your child's meal has not been ordered this may result in the school office calling you and requesting a packed lunch for your child to be brought in to school.



On Thursday 15th January AIP will be having a special theme day dinner, if you would like your child to receive a school dinner please request this via the school food united app - please see attached poster.

Admissions Reception - September 2026

The closing date for the reception applications is 15th January 2026. Please ensure you apply before the closing date using the following link: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions>.

Nursery - September 2026

The closing date for nursery applications is also the 15th January 2026.

Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a casual, reliable and caring Supervisory Assistant to supervise our children during lunch times. We currently have one vacancy to cover sickness absence. The hours could range from 1.25 to 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday (term time only). If you are interested or wish to find out more, please call the school office and ask for an application form.

Data Collection

The Data that we hold for your child/ren is very important in case of an emergency we need to hold the correct emergency contact number, your address and other information, please can I remind you all to check over the data on the Sims parent Lite app, if you have any problems accessing this, please let the school office know.



Coventry Adult Education Service are providing courses to upskill yourself – see flyer below

Absences

If your child is absent, please notify the school before 9.00am. If the office staff have not been notified this means phone calls need to be made, which can become unmanageable for the office to maintain. It is Parents' responsibility to notify school. We regularly monitor attendance and home visits may be required when necessary. For all sickness & Diarrhoea related illnesses please note that your child must be clear for 48 hours after they have had their last episode

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Lateness

Please can I remind parents that the doors open from 8.45am and the children should be seated in their classroom before the bell goes at 8.55am, when doors will be locked. After 8.55am please bring your child to the office and they will be recorded as being late.

SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 13.01.26

This is a session for Parents/Carers of Children or Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The session offers a **great way to meet other parents/carers who may be in a similar situation**, and an opportunity to share with others in a **friendly, non-judgemental environment**, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

Details:

When: Tuesday 13th January 2026, 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: The Wave, Coffee Tots Community Room, New Union Street, Coventry, CV1 2PS

***Please Note:** Unfortunately, this session would not be suitable for children to accompany their parents.

How to book:



Please visit the [SENDIASS Eventbrite page](#), or scan the QR code below to book your place:

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs G Griffiths

Headteacher

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| Y3C | Kavan | Y1P/T | Albie |
| Y3N | Oscar | Y2M | Liliana |
| Y3C | Leo | Y1P/T | Erina |
| | | Y1P/T | Teresa |
| | | Y2M | Xavier |
| | | Y2N | Tahlia |
| WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY BIRTHDAY | | | |

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|  <div>Attendance & Punctuality for this week</div> <div>Whole School attendance 91.4%</div>  | | | | | | | |
| | YR | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Attendance | 89.7% | 90.3% | 94.2% | 93.9% | 92.4% | 90.8% | 90.9% |
| Well done to Y2 for 94.2% the highest attendance this week! | | | | | | | |

GALAXY DAY

Thursday 15th January

Main

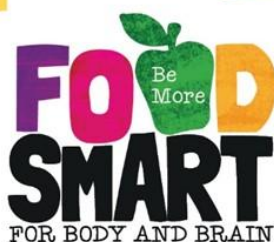
Giant Planet Nugget
or
Venus Veggie Nuggets

Sides

Wonderous Wedges
Jupiter Baked Beans
Saturn Sweetcorn

Dessert

Moon Crater Cake,
Milky Way Yoghurt
or
Jupiter Jelly



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ARE YOU LOOKING TO UPSKILL YOURSELF OR YOUR STAFF IN 2026?

Level 2 Understanding
Specific Learning
Difficulties

Level 2 Understanding
Safeguarding & Prevent

Level 2 Understanding
Children & Young
People's Mental Health

Level 2 Introduction To
Neuroscience

Level 2 Equality and
Diversity

Level 1 Mental Health
Awareness

We offer courses
relevant within the
Education sector & can
tailor these specifically
for your setting!

*'Scan me' to express
your interest...*



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